



**REPORT OF THE
NCAA DIVISION I STUDENT-ATHLETE EXPERIENCE COMMITTEE
AUGUST 17, 2020, VIDEOCONFERENCE**

ACTION ITEMS.

- None.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS.

1. **NCAA Division I Student-Athlete Advisory Committee request for noncontroversial legislation regarding countable athletically related activities on Election Day.** The NCAA Division I Student-Athlete Experience Committee expressed support for the noncontroversial proposal recommendation from the Student-Athlete Advisory Committee that would annually prohibit countable athletically related activities on Election Day.
2. **Playing and practice seasons – fall championship sports.** The Student-Athlete Experience Committee discussed the 2020 fall playing season and agreed that the membership needs clear guidance until the Division can adopt a comprehensive playing season model for the remainder of the fall. Further, the committee acknowledged that institutions and conferences may have different needs based on the status (e.g., continuing, postponed, cancelled) of their fall seasons. The committee noted flexibility within the existing legislation and supported additional, reasonable flexibility to allow institutions and conferences to sufficiently support playing and practice options for their student-athletes. Specifically, the committee supported: (1) Continuing to permit practice and competition for student-athlete well-being purposes, and when these activities are conducted, the health and safety of student-athletes is paramount; (2) Keeping existing daily and weekly hour limitations and the number of required days off; (3) Providing flexibility to allow teams to return to or pause their “in-season” segment due to COVID-19-related interruptions (e.g., team quarantine); (4) Ensuring that teams who remain “in-season” until a comprehensive fall playing season is adopted will not lose future playing and practice opportunities; and (5) Maintaining prohibition against countable athletically related activities during final-examination periods.

The committee also reviewed initial concepts for alternative fall playing seasons and agreed that options allowing significant flexibility should be discussed. Specifically, given the uncertainty surrounding fall championships the committee supported a flexible approach for the fall playing season (August – December), noting that conferences are best positioned to determine if fall sports in their membership should be considered “in-season” or “out-of-season”. The committee will continue to discuss and provide feedback on options for the 2020-21 playing and practice seasons.

3. **NCAA Division I Council Coordination Committee COVID-19 action chart.** The Student-Athlete Experience Committee provided feedback via electronic mail supporting a blanket waiver to allow an institution to exempt from the maximum team limits the financial aid for any student-athlete who is unable or chooses not to participate based on COVID-19. Of those committee members who supported the blanket waiver, a majority also generally supported continued waiver relief to account for those additional student-athletes who may be added to rosters.

4. **Future videoconferences.**
 - a. **Monthly videoconferences via Microsoft Teams.**
 - (1) 1 p.m. Eastern time, Monday September 21.
 - (2) 1 p.m. Eastern time, Monday October 19.

 - b. **Videoconferences as part of NCAA Division I Council meetings.**
 - (1) October 5-6.
 - (2) January 12-13, 2021.

Committee Chair: Justin Sell, South Dakota State University
Staff Liaisons: D.J. Brown, Academic and Membership Affairs
Brandy Hataway, Academic and Membership Affairs
Karen Metzger, Academic and Membership Affairs
Quintin Wright, Academic and Membership Affairs

NCAA Division I Student-Athlete Experience Committee August 17, 2020, Videoconference	
Attendees:	
Vedika Anand, Wagner College (Student-Athlete)	
Ross Bjork, Texas A&M University, College Station.	
Kim Capriotti, Jacksonville University.	
Charles Cobb, Georgia State University.	
Alicia Cooperman, James Madison University (Student-Athlete)	
Shawn Heilbron, Stony Brook University.	
Blake James, University of Miami (Florida).	
Chris May, St. Louis University.	
Erik Price, Pac-12 Conference.	
Justin Sell, South Dakota State University.	
Jaunelle White, Indiana University-Purdue University Indianapolis.	
Katie Willett, Big East Conference.	
Absentees:	
None.	
NCAA Staff Liaisons in Attendance:	
D.J. Brown, Brandy Hataway, Karen Metzger and Quintin Wright.	
Other NCAA Staff Members in Attendance:	
Sarah Heberd, Marnae Mawdsley.	